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Customer : 22896
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2006 ("Action"). Applicants respectfully request consideration in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper, and include a replacement abstract on page 4 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.